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Grant to fund $49 million Metro Airport upgrades

Travelers using Detroit Metro Airport in Romulus will soon see major improvements at the facility funded by a $49,600,000 grant from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The funding includes $28 million to rehabilitate public restrooms to be more accessible for travelers; $17,600,000 to repair baggage claim belts and $4 million $4,000,000 to start a replacement program for the passenger boarding bridges. The new boarding bridges will provide enhanced accessibility and energy efficiency upgrades, airport officials said.

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"Having reliable and safe air service is crucial for tourism, commerce and economic development," said U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, who worked to secure the budget item. "This funding is another critical piece of the infrastructure investments coming to our state and will improve customer experiences at our airports."

Her comments were seconded by U.S. Sen. Gary Peters who also worked to secure the funding for the airport.

"Detroit Metro Airport is a vital economic hub for our state that connects communities and businesses to important destinations and resources across the globe," said Peters. "I was proud to help secure this federal support through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help Detroit Metro Airport make necessary upgrades to critical infrastructure, ensuring it can continue to welcome and transport travelers safely and efficiently for years to come."

The Airport Terminal Program is one of three aviation programs created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The law provides $1 billion annually for five years for Airport Terminal improvements.

Avon calling…
Shakespearean festival will 'returneth' to Canton stage

Works of The Bard of Avon' will take to the stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton beginning this week when the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, the official Shakespeare Festival of the State of Michigan, will return to the theater for performances from July 19 through Aug. 21. This is the only time in the 27-year history of the festival that the entire run will be performed at one theater.

"We're so pleased that our home in Canton is welcoming us back for our 2022 season, and we're thrilled to be able to rehearse, tech, and open our shows at The Village Theater," Shakespeare Artistic Director Janice L. Blixt said.

The three Main Stage shows will be the heroic and epic drama Henry V, featuring Ann Arbor native Sam Hubbard as the king, the bright comedy The Merry Wives of Windsor being directed by award-winning Artistic Associate Robert Kauzlaric, and the silly farce Charley's Aunt by Brandon Thomas featuring Edmund Alyn Jones.

Focusing on the events prior to and following the famous Battle of Agincourt, Henry V tells the story of one of the greatest British kings - and the man behind the title. The final piece of Prince Hal's story first played out in Henry IV, parts one and two, award-winning Shakespeare festival productions from 2015, where audiences witnessed the wild and angry young man as he grew into a leader of men. One of Shakespeare's most famous histories, Henry V features some of the most famous scenes and speeches in the cannon. The production is directed by Blixt.

Mistress Page and Mistress Ford have a very large problem - a drunken rogue who won't leave them alone. Sir John Falstaff is short of money and on the hunt for a lady willing to take him on and pay his bills. The ladies get together and hatch a plan to thwart the pest - if only their husbands can stay out of the way. The Merry Wives of Windsor is famously the result of Queen Elizabeth I demanding that Shakespeare write a play featuring Falstaff falling in love - and how else could such a request play out?

Photos provided by Michigan Shakespeare Festival

Jack and Charley have fallen in love with Kitty and Amy - who are being sent away to Scotland by Amy's Uncle - who is also Kitty's guardian. The guys invite their loves to lunch - where they intend to declare their intentions and meet Charley's slightly eccentric Aunt Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez. What follows is a romantic comedy full of starchy relatives, clever servants, and Lord Fancourt Babberley. Charley's Aunt was a sensation upon opening, running 1,466 performances-come take a break this summer and join us for the mayhem. This production is adapted and directed by Blixt.

The third show on the MSF calendar is always a classical play from a playwright other than Shakespeare.

The 2022 season will also

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Sumpter board of trustees names new township manager

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved the promotion of Deputy Township Clerk Anthony Burdick to the position of township manager during the June 28 meeting.

Burdick has been the township deputy clerk for about 3 ½ years and assumed his new position effective July 1. His promotion was unanimously recommended to the board by members of the hiring committee who met to review his qualifications and experience.

During the meeting, Burdick said he hoped to support the needs of township residents, staff and issues in his new position. He said he looks at his job as fulfilling the direction provided by board members. Burdick's formal resume lists nearly 40 years of steadily advancing management responsibilities and accomplishments.

> *"Nothing is more important right now than our public safety and emergency services."*

"Delivering the services and support our residents' needs is paramount," Burdick said later. "Nothing is more important right now than our public safety and emergency services. These functions have my full support. We do hope our residents feel the same about these critical services," he added.

Burdick's appointment met with only one negative vote cast by Trustee Peggy Morgan who claimed that the township had no authority to name a township manager. Morgan insisted that the board had only discussed and approved the hiring of a township administrator and that the two titles were not interchangeable.

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Burdick will continue as deputy clerk until a new deputy for Clerk Esther Hurst is named. That dual role is temporary and will continue only until the position is filled by appointment, according to the formal motion approved by the trustees. Burdick's new employment contract with the township includes a $90,000 salary along with the benefits he has accrued during his current tenure with the township. His employment agreement will be drafted by township attorney Rob Young and will be consistent

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Sumpter

Trustee challenges appointment of new manager

The appointment of Anthony Burdick as the new township manager in Sumpter met with harsh criticism from Trustee Peggy Morgan who cast the lone no vote on the motion during the June 28 meeting.

When the motion to accept the unanimous decision of the Hiring Committee to appoint Burdick to the job was presented to the board members during the study session prior to the meeting, Morgan insisted that the board had no authority to name him to the position.

Morgan claimed that the board had only discussed and approved the hiring of a township administrator not a township manager and that the two titles were not interchangeable. Trustee Matt Oddy, a member of the Hiring Committee, attempted to explain to Morgan that the terms have been used interchangeably during discussions for several months and that Burdick's title was discussed at the Hiring Committee meeting.

"We simply felt that the term township manager was more appropriate," Oddy explained. Morgan became confrontational regarding the issue, shouting, "I have the right to speak. I want to speak about this. I've never seen his resume. I've never seen any township minutes of the hiring committee interviewing him and you want to vote on this?

> *"We simply felt that the term township manager was more appropriate.*

"I don't recall the board voting on a township manager. I don't remember voting on this position," she stated. She then protested Township Supervisor Tim Bowman's attempts to quell her confrontational tone and bring order to the contentious meeting. She shouted over him, "You can't dismiss me, I don't think it's right. Are we going to throw policies in the garbage?"

Morgan then suggested that the other board members may have been provided information denied to her and claimed that she did not receive a copy of Burdick's resume in her board packet.

"You've had the agenda for five days, Ms. Morgan. I would say you didn't do your job. When we (board members) don't have the information we need, we make a phone call and get it," Oddy reminded her.

Morgan continued her loud criticism and was reminded that Burdick submitted his resume to the hiring committee for consideration. "Who's on the hiring committee?" she questioned which prompted responses from several board members obviously offended by her comments.

Bowman again attempted to regain order over Morgan's contentious behavior without success prompting township attorney Rob Young to caution Morgan that Bowman, as the chair, was running the meeting and correct protocol requires that the chair recognize speakers, not her.

Bowman was able to restore order and the meeting continued with Burdick's hiring approved by a 6-1 vote.

Maintenance of township parks discussed by trustees

Vandalism and old age led to the removal of the dock at Sherwood/Banotai Park in Sumpter Township earlier this month.

During his report from the Parks and Recreation Commission during the June 28 meeting, Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush explained that he was called to the park by police officers back in May when there was concern about the safety of the dock. He said he went to the park and found the railing on the main deck and other damage which he documented with photos. He said he believed the damage was recent.

"It was a major safety issue. Somebody falling off that deck with no ladder to get back up." He added that there were pieces of the deck missing and the structure was in such disarray "something had to be done."

Rush said he notified Township Supervisor Tim Bowman, who took action to prevent a serious incident the damaged dock threatened. Bowman, a builder and contractor, used his own equipment and removed the dock. Bowman said in his opinion the dock could not be repaired due to the age of lumber used in the original construction.

"That park is like the wild, wild west and is getting way out of control. It is an embarrassment," Rush told the board members. He said during his visits, he has seen dogs on the beach, trash littering the area, drinking and vandalism. He told the board he had personally removed 20 beer cans from the beach and in the water during one visit. He added that signs installed in the park last year are gone.

He offered the board members two options, the first being specifications for a closed-circuit camera installed at the park which would record incidents on video. Rush said he would be willing to write the specifications for the surveillance device and the item could be let out for bids. The second option he suggested was daily supervision at the park.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Sharon Pokerwinski expressed her concern for recent vandalism of a bench at the park and a general disregard by users for maintaining the park areas. "I'd just like to get the parks back to what they were," she told the board.

Trustee Don LaPorte said it was obvious there was a "clear and present need for a plan for our parks." He suggested reaching out to neighboring communities to determine how they address cleaning of lavatories, trash and beaches. He suggested asking neighboring communities how they handle miscellaneous repairs at community-owned parks.

LaPorte strongly suggested that the township needed a definite plan for the maintenance of the parks.

"We need to understand what our needs are. Before we bid on a security system we should have a plan. Before we go writing checks, we should have a plan."

Bowman said that he was working on a plan to improve recreation and the parks in the township.

Trustee Matt Oddy reminded the board members that last year they had discussed grass cutting at the parks and that they eventually did approve the hiring of a part-time person for the job. He said he felt the board members should at least consider hiring a part time person for the parks to supervise and perform maintenance and regular cleaning of the facilities.

Bowman said his plan included having someone at the parks during the hours they were open.

Manager

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with the standard terms of Sumpter Township, officials said.

Burdick thanked the board of trustees for their consideration and the "trust they've placed in me." He also said it was an honor to be associated with Clerk Esther Hurst and his peers and staff at the township. He also thanked his wife of 43, years, Toni, "for her support, understanding and tolerance of me during this journey."

Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush said he was confident in Burdick's ability to handle the job. "I have every confidence he will do very, very well," Rush said. Trustee Matt Oddy was also pleased with Burdick's promotion. "He has shown exemplary work in the clerk's office," Oddy said.

Burdick replaces Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole who resigned Nov. 29.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2022 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The Sumpter Township Board of Review will be conducting the 2022 July Board of Review and will convene in the Sumpter Township Hall at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext 12236.

Esther Hurst, CMC
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 28 2022 for the following:

CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATIONS SUMMER 2022
(NOTE: EACH HOUSE TO BE BID SEPARATELY)

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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INVITATION TO BID
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP FAIRGROUNDS FENCING & GATES

The Township of Sumpter HAS EXTENDED THE DEADLINE to accept sealed bids for the FAIRGROUNDS FENCING / GATES in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

Sumpter Township will only entertain sealed bids submitted on or before;

Friday July 22nd, 2022
2:00 pm

Sealed bids will be received by:

The Clerk's Office
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Friday July 22nd, 2022
3:00 pm
Sumpter Township Board Room
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Additional Specifications for this opportunity are available at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office (address above) between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday or by visiting the Township WebSite at www.sumptertwp.org/clerk-office/.

Please call Sumpter Township, Clerk's Office at (734) 461-6201 if you require additional information.

Township of Sumpter
Esther Hurst, Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, August 3, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold the following public hearings at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. TEMP-2021-003; **Sheraton Hotel** requesting temporary use approval in accordance with Section 22.03(e), Temporary Uses and Buildings of the Zoning Ordinance to allow 230 of the 539 parking spaces on the property to be temporarily used for park & fly parking spaces. The subject property is located at **8000 Merriman** (Parcel ID #80-037-99-0028-710). Petition was postponed for 60 days at the May 4, 2022 BZA meeting.
2. BZA-2022-002; **Romulus Corporate Parking Building #3 (Scannell Properties)**, requesting a variance from Section 8.04(a), Area, Height and Placement Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the allowable building height from 35 feet to 38 feet for a 243,770-sq. ft. warehouse/distribution building. The subject property is zoned Conditional M-1, Light Industrial and is located at **32250 Smith Road** (Parcel ID #80-038-99-0002-703) in the Vining Road Subarea Overlay District.
3. BZA-2022-003; **Romulus Corporate Parking Building 'A' (Opus Development Company)**, requesting a variance from Section 8.04(a), Area, Height and Placement Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the allowable building height from 35 feet to 40 feet on the east elevation for a 174,000-sq. ft. warehouse/distribution building. The subject property is zoned Conditional M-1, Light Industrial and is located on **Smith Road** (Parcel ID #80-038-99-0002-705) in the Vining Road Subarea Overlay District.
4. BZA-2022-004; **Romulus Corporate Parking Building 'B'**, requesting a variance from Section 8.04(a), Area, Height and Placement Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the allowable building height from 35 feet to 38 feet on the west elevation for a 100,480-sq. ft. warehouse distribution building. The subject property is zoned Conditional M-1, Light Industrial and is located on **Smith Road** (Parcel ID #80-038-99-0002-705) in the Vining Road Subarea Overlay District.
5. BZA-2022-005; **Greg Weir, Weir Holdings - Windshield Replacement and Calibration**, in accordance with Section 20.04 (b) Change in Use of the Zoning Ordinance is requesting to utilize the property for a windshield replacement and calibration business which is a change from a nonconforming use, currently an automobile detail shop, to another nonconforming use, since automobile uses are not permitted in the CBD-2, Central Business - Downtown District. The subject property is located at **36050 Goddard Road** (Parcel ID #80-077-01-0002-000).
6. TEMP-2022-002; **Deranged Haunted Attraction (Michael Fini)**, requesting temporary use approval in accordance with Section 22.03(e), Temporary Uses and Buildings of the Zoning Ordinance for an outdoor haunted attraction with a walking trail and temporary structure from 9/16/22 through 11/1/22 located at **35560 Goddard** (Parcel ID #80-068-01-0027-002).
7. BZA-2022-006; **Amazon DTW1 Fulfillment**, requesting a variance from Section 13.03(b)(3) Fences - Location and Height of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a fence in the required front yard setback. While a 45' setback is required, a variance to allow a 40' parking setback was approved in 2017. The fence will be located 38' from the property line. The subject property is zoned Conditionally M-1, Light Industrial and is located at 32801 Ecorse Road (Parcel ID # 80-038-99-0001-700).

Copies of the applications are available for review at the Department of Public Services during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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ROMULUS

Mayor hosts meeting for public next Wednesday

Romulus city officials will be hosting "One Romulus" community meetings, a listening tour that provides residents the opportunity to speak with Mayor Robert A. McCraight, elected officials, public safety leaders and neighbors.

Launched as part of a continuing effort to foster collaboration among residents and city leaders, the "One Romulus" community meetings will occur throughout the summer at 6 p.m. in selected locations including next Wednesday, July 21 at Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth St. and Wednesday, Aug.17 at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road

"When I was campaigning across Romulus, I repeatedly heard community members express a desire to meet face-to-face with their elected officials," McCraight said. "The 'One Romulus' community meetings will provide this invaluable face-time while sparking partnerships and collaborations that will strengthen our city."

> *"These meetings won't be one-sided with me doing all of the talking at residents.*

To open each meeting, McCraight will provide an update on the latest city news and announcements, which will then be followed by a question and answer session and networking.

"These meetings won't be one-sided with me doing all of the talking at residents," McCraight continued. "We want our residents to feel comfortable sharing their ideas, and we encourage them to come prepared for an engaging and constructive conversation."

In addition to the "One Romulus" community meetings, the city has several free events planned for the summer where residents can mingle with their neighbors, including Sounds in Downtown, a live concert series from 7 until 9 p.m. every second and fourth Friday and Movies the in Park every third Friday.

For more information about upcoming events in Romulus, view the Community Calendar on the city website or visit the City of Romulus and Romulus Downtown Development Authority Facebook pages.

Time capsule from 1985 will be reburied in Romulus

Romulus City Councilman William Wadsworth has plans for Oct. 25, 2035, the year he will celebrate his 90th birthday.

Wadsworth, the longest serving member of the Romulus City Council, told his fellow officials during a meeting last month that he wanted to inform them of a bit of history in the city. He explained the in 1985, during the sesquicentennial of the city, officials hosted multiple events and celebrations in the community. Among those events, he said, along with the 4th of July parade in the city, officials buried a time capsule intended to be opened on Oct. 25, 2035.

"They were trying to keep the history of the town going," Wadsworth said. "That was the intent of the group at that time."

The time capsule, which Wadswsorth described as a "small coffin" had an engraved monument stone marking the site of the burial, with the date it should be opened. He said he had seen a photo of those present at the burial, including Mary Ann Banks, Jimmy Raspberry, Pete Bergeron, Alan Lambert, Barry Baumann, and former Mayor Beverly McAnally. Wadsworth said it was McAnally who "pushed for the project."

The capsule was apparently unearthed and removed during construction of the new 34th District Court building on the city hall campus.

Wadsworth said the former elected officials "really cared about this town and tried to keep the history going. It (the capsule) should never have been dug up." Wadsworth asked Mayor Robert McCraight to ensure that the capsule is reburied as the former officials, many now deceased, intended.

McCraight immediately agreed noting that the capsule was "in good shape" and was presently stored at the DPW building.

"We will make sure we get that back in the ground as soon as possible. If we can't find the stone monument, we'll have another one made," McCraight said.

Wadsworth thanked the mayor and said that during his long tenure on the counts, there were two things that he "took personally."

"One was the deep well that will be there a long, long time and this right here. I think it is sinful that it was dug back up," He noted that when the capsule was buried during the celebration in the city, there was something going on "every week in this town." He said there was a 4th of July parade with the high school bands and floats and "it was a good day. It made you feel pride that you lived in town."

Officials agreed that responsibility for opening the capsule will rest with those elected to the council at that time. Wadsworth explained that he had resolutions formally approved by past council members reminding them of the existence of the capsule and the opening date.

McCraight said that he would personally drive Wadsworth to the opening in 2035 to which the councilman responded with a smile, "I'll drive myself if I'm still around."

Pumpkin Festival Sunflower contest entries being sought

Romulus Pumpkin Festival organizers are searching for the largest sunflower in the city.

To enter the annual festival Sunflower Contest, residents can take a clear video of the sunflower in its entirety in the frame of the picture as someone is holding a measuring tape from the bottom of the stem to the center of the flower face. One the flower is within the frame, step closer to the measuring tape which should reveal the height of the plant in inches. This should be done in one video, organizers said.

To enter a photo, take a picture of the plant with the entirety in the frames as someone is holding a measuring tape from the bottom of the stem to the center of the flower face. Entrants should take a second photo stepping closer to the measuring tape which should reveal the height of the plant in inches.

To enter the largest Sunflower Face contents, submit a clear video of the sunflower face with the entirety in the frame as someone is measuring the diameter, not including the petals. Then step closer to the measuring tape which should reveal the diameter of just the face of the plant in inches. This should be done in one video.

To enter the Sunflower Face Contest with a photo, frame the entire sunflower face in the frame as someone measures the diameter, not including the petals. When the whole face is in the frame, take another photo and step closer to the measuring tape which should reveal the diameter in inches.

Entries should be emailed to cbradley@romulusgov.com or message the photos or videos on social media. Please include the entrants name, email and phone number.

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Wayne - Westland

City police officers train to provide school safety

> *The Westland Police Department trains annually on active shooter response tactics.*

As the country continues to mourn the victims of the tragic event at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, the Westland Police Department is adding measures to their safety and security programs to help ensure Westland students and staff are safe and prepared with the training and protocols.

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said the continued effort in the city includes the continuation of certifying more than 2,700 Wayne-Westland Community School District staff and volunteers in ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evaluate) by certified instructors. Another crucial enhancement is the expanded and Enhanced Crossing Guard School Safety Program, increasing personnel from 12 to 27 with additional lifesaving training.

"The Westland Police Department has always been on the forefront of the training of our force in every aspect of safety and security. We have continued that belief by preparing our officers to respond to violent, armed incidents within our schools", said Jedrusik. "These training programs include our officers being trained and certified as Active Shooter Instructors," he added.

The training consists of innovative tactics and instructional techniques and is designed to prepare officers to become trainers in rapid deployment intervention techniques. Officers were given the core instruction on the background, mission of first responders, history of active shooter incidents, commonalities, lessons learned, team responsibilities, priorities during active shooter incidents and principles to use in order to make quick decisions under stress, Jedrusik explained. He said that officers were given the opportunity to demonstrate their newly acquired knowledge through teach-back exercises and practical scenarios.

"The Westland Police Department trains annually on active shooter response tactics and works closely with the schools within our city to train inside the school buildings to enhance future responses if needed," Jedrusik said.

He added that Westland officers are also trained in the ALICE Instructors Course. ALICE is the organization that is widely known throughout the nation as the standard for active shooter threats. Throughout the training, the members of the department along with members of the Westland Fire Department and Wayne-Westland Community Schools learned and adapted the ALICE protocols for dealing with an active shooter threat. The officers demonstrated the knowledge and competence to be certified as ALICE Instructors, he added.

Members of the Westland Police Department also attended the Rescue Task Force (RTF) training as part of department mandated training. The course was designed to teach the four main methods of warm zone care during active violence incidents.

Jedrusik said the department and the school district will be increasing the number of crossing guards from 12 to 27 and will provide a modernized and structured training program.

"Wayne-Westland Community Schools has always made the safety of our students and staff our top priority. Our partnership with the City of Westland and its police department has always been a crucial element to giving our district the best possible tools and procedures for dealing with possible life-threatening situations," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Dignan.

"The Westland Police Department realizes that the needs of the community are changing and we are preparing our personnel in cooperation with our partners in the city to meet those needs. We take all incidents involving the various schools in Westland very seriously and appreciate our partnerships with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as well as the many other public, private and charter schools within our great city", said Westland Mayor William R. Wild.

Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik

Students, parents, and community members are asked to report all suspicious or threatening activity to law enforcement and/or school district administration immediately. Information can also be shared using the OK2SAY hotline by calling 1-855-565-2729 or texting to 652729.

Wayne clerk has mailed city-wide absentee ballots

Wayne City Clerk Tina Parnell had already sent out 1,229 absentee ballots that had been requested by city residents by the end of last month. The ballots, for the Aug. 2, primary election were taken to the Wayne Post Office for delivery and should have been received by voters who requested them by now.

Completed, signed ballots can be placed in the secure official ballot container outside Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road. Voters may also bring the ballot inside city hall and submit it at the clerk's office.

Any qualified voter who wishes to vote by absentee ballot and has not yet requested a ballot, should come to the Wayne City Clerk's office with a photo identification to receive a ballot over the counter.

The clerk's office is open from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Fridays. The office is closed during the weekend.

Splash Bash

As temperatures hovered near 100 degrees, Westland treated nearly a thousand residents citizens and friends to one of the coolest free events ever at the grand reopening of the H2O Spray Park. The newly renovated dinosaur-themed park proved a popular attraction for children and parents. Visitors enjoyed more than 1,000 hot dogs, along with chips and tons of water to cool everyone off prior to watching "The Good Dinosaur." Mayor William Wild provided free popcorn for all the movie-goers. City staff members were on hand to provide information about city initiatives and services and the city first responders, both police and fire, demonstrated their vehicles and equipment, but showed off some great dance moves to the crowd.

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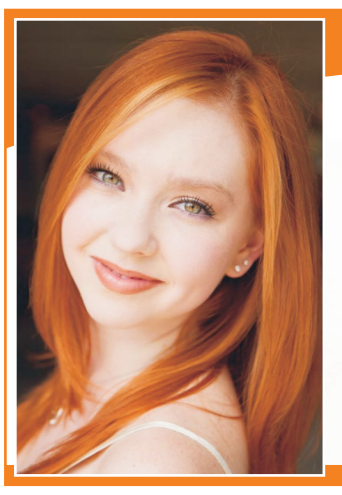

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Non-profit group plans independent housing project

Apartments designed to provide independence, safety and long-term stability for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) are planned in Canton Township.

Members of Independent Living Alliance, a 501 c 3 organization, met June 23 to announce plans to construct an intentional community in Canton.

The catalyst behind the project, a spokesman said, was a group of concerned parents with IDD adult children seeking an inclusive and intentional community where residents will be engaged daily with a positive, caring, and supportive staff, enabling all to live the most fulfilling and enriching lives possible.

"Our engagement with community leaders regarding site selection is a culmination of 3 years of commitment of a small core of dedicated families with IDD adults that have demonstrated unwavering determination to be a change agent and create an intentional community for a very underserved group in our society," said Randy Leslie, chairman of Independent Living Alliance.

> *Capital funding for the project is expected from individual donors, along with corporate and private foundation.*

The facility will feature 40 one and two-bedroom apartments and will include such amenities as a courtyard, large and small social/activity areas, fitness rooms, and office space. Additional and sometimes hard to find resources, such as staffing and transportation, will be integrated into the community's ongoing operations, Leslie added.

Capital funding for the project is expected from individual donors, along with corporate and private foundations, which also recognize this growing need and want to be a part of this unique and game changing endeavor," he said.

Independent Living Alliance will be governed by a board of directors focused on the ongoing operations and continued fundraising efforts to sustain the community long-term, supporting residents' ever-changing needs along with maintaining and updating social programming, transportation, and other daily essentials.

No location for the planned apartment development was announced. More information about the project is available at www.ilaliving.org.

Michigan Philharmonic annual cruise raffle is under way

Tickets for the Michigan Philharmonic raffle of a cruise of the Pacific Northwest for two are now available.

The trip raffle is the largest fundraiser for the Michigan Philharmonic, officials said, and will be a wine cruise along the Columbia and Snake rivers from Oct. 30 through Nov. 7. The prize includes the nine-day cruise aboard the American Empress and roundtrip airfare for two.

> *Tickets for the raffle are $50 each and only 400 will be sold.*

Travelers will experience the serenity of the wilderness in the Pacific Northwest with scenery and waterways leading to wine country, tasting vintages and experiencing the feel of a paddleboat-style cruise ship,officials said.

Tickets for the raffle are $50 each and only 400 will be sold. Tickets can be purchased through the Michigan Philharmonic offices located in Plymouth or online at michiganphil.org. The drawing for the winner will take place Saturday, Aug. 13, during the upcoming Philharmonic concert at the Eleanor and Edsel Ford Estate. The winner will be contacted that day and does not need to be present to win.

For information contact the Michigan Philharmonic at www.michiganphil.org or call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

Magic Bus to perform in Kellogg Park tomorrow evening

The popular Music in the Air free weekly concert series will continue at 7 p.m. tomorrow, July 15, and continue through Sept. 3 at the Kellogg Park stage in downtown Plymouth, officials from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) office said.

The concerts are sponsored by the DDA; the Bank of Ann Arbor; the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club and Hines Park Lincoln.

The line-up this year again includes various area bands and tomorrow, Magic Bus will perform music of the 60s, psychedelic music from the Woodstock era, a time of musical and creative energy that has never been equaled before or since, according to band members. "If you are too young to remember that magical time, you can now be transported back there instantly with the one and only Magic Bus," band members said. The musicians said their goal was to transcend the modern age and send audiences back to the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco in 1967.

Next week, July 22, Power Play Detroit (Greatest Rock Hits) is set to perform; on July 29--Lady Sunshine & the X Band (Detroit's' own - Emotion, Fire, Pride, and Soul); Aug. 5--Larry Lee and the Back in the Day Band (Funk, R&B, Motown); Aug. 12--Geff Phillips and Friends (Pop & Rock Variety 60s); Aug. 19 Moxie Blitz (80s - Today Pop); Aug. 26--Steve King and the Dittilies (Wayne Newton of Wayne County) and Sept. 2--Atomic Radio (Top 40, Pop Hip-Hop, Rock).

Magic Bus will take to the Kellogg Park stage in concert tomorrow night.

Festival

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feature beloved festival actors Alan Ball and Jason Briggs and designers Aly Renee Amidei, Emily McConnell, and Melanie Schuessler-Bond.

The 2022 season is partially supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts / Arts Works Program.

Season tickets are on sale now at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling The Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300.

For additional information, visit the MSF website: www.michiganshakespearefestival.com.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187 www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Reduced price Flexpasses for all three shows are also available.

Curtain time is usually 7:30 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 2 pm, and the Sunday matinees at 3 pm.

Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

To the qualified electors of Canton Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 21 for the Primary Election on August 2, 2022 Election is scheduled for July 18, 2022 at 3 p.m. in the Township Hall located at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

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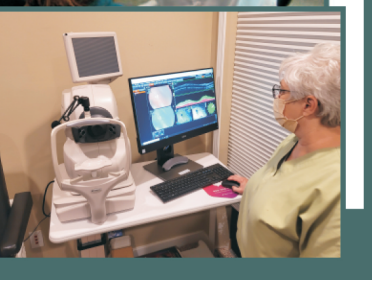

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Inkster - Northville

Survey shows top 3 priorities for city improvement

The popular Northville Farmers Market was one of the top priorities respondents listed in a recent improvement survey.

The top three improvement projects selected by respondents to a recent Northville survey included land for the Farmers Market, a riverwalk at the Northville Downs property and a master plan for Ford Field.

Members of the city council, City Manager Pat Sullivan and consultants Nate Geinzer and Jaymes Vettraino attended a special meeting June 29 to prioritize the projects recommended by three separate task forces in the city including the Rouge Restoration Task Force, the Ford Field Task Force and the Farmers Market Task Force.

Geinzer presented results from the city strategic prioritization survey, noting there were 947 respondents equally divided among residents and non-residents, including owners of city businesses. The community-scored projects were calculated and considered as a data point in determining priorities.

The three top projects selected through task force recommendations, deliberations and the survey are to locate and potentially acquire land for the Farmers' Market; create a riverwalk at the Downs after the developer daylights the river the commission of a master plan for Ford Field that fast tracks the installation of a new play structure and public restrooms, along with a new handicap accessible entrance on Hutton Street.

Vettraino said the top projects will be divided into four categories: 1) fund as soon as possible by any method; 2) slate for capital planning (projects to be completed within 3-4 years); 3) shovel-ready projects eligible for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds and 4) other grant funding.

There are 152 projects currently in the "parking lot" - lower priority items that may become higher priority items if funding becomes available or other opportunities make the project easier to complete, officials said. Council members, consultants and Sullivan concurred that projects likely to be funded by grants need to be weighed against the desire to accomplish higher priority projects where grant funding isn't feasible.

For example, Sullivan said Northville Township has applied for a grant to fund a non-motorized trail along Seven Mile to Northville Road and Hines Park. Grant writer Vince Ranger, of OHM consultants said there is RAP(Revitalization and Placemaking) grant money funded through the state of Michigan available for this project. Sullivan asked council members to consider applying for a $1 million RAP grant to extend the trail from the trailhead at Seven Mile and Hines along the south side to Center Street with several river crossings. If the grant applications were successful, the city cost for the project would be $250,000, he said.

Prior to applying for grants, engineering studies often need to be performed at a 30 percent design level to determine the scope and cost of the project. This step in the process is a cost borne by the city and needs to be budgeted, he added. Several months ago, the city applied for $900,000 in Congressional Directed Spending for Ford Field improvements. U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens and Sen. Gary Peters championed the request.

Mayor Pro tem Barbara Moroski-Browne said she wants to continue the discussion about project priorities during the next few months at council meetings. Vittraino recommended that the city manager provide those project updates - citing both progress and hinderances. He said Vittraino Consulting is available to assist with financial strategies.

Inkster wins grant to protect residents from radon

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded $504,797 to Inkster Housing Commission to protect low-income families in public housing properties from radon. Inkster Housing Commission will use the funds to test 710 ground-floor units and mitigate those above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines of 4 pCi/L.

The award is part of $4 million awarded to nine public housing agencies (PHAs) throughout the country through the HUD new Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration Program. Public housing administrators will use the funds in public housing properties where low-income families reside to conduct testing and, when needed, mitigate radon in public housing units they manage.

"With this funding, the Inkster Housing Commission can strengthen the link of healthy housing and health by mitigating radon issues and reducing risk of serious illness because of exposure," HUD Midwest Regional Administrator Diane M. Shelley said. "This program is only one of HUD's many efforts to reduce disparities in the health of low-income families."

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to ensure our housing units are as safe as possible and be one of the nine public housing authorities awarded these funds. This perpetuates our vision to be the premier affordable housing provider locally, regionally, and nationally that fosters diverse and vibrant communities to include housing, education, and economic growth," Inkster Housing Commission Executive Director Aaron Cooper said. "We thank HUD and all elected officials that continue to support our efforts to bring forth safe and affordable housing in Inkster. I also want to acknowledge our board of commissioners, staff, and residents for supporting a successful grant application."

The EPA estimates about one in 15 homes (7 percent) in the U.S. have elevated radon levels and about 21,000 people die in the U.S. annually due to lung cancer from radon exposure.

Radon is an odorless, colorless radioactive gas that is a decay product of elements in soil and rock and is present in every part of the country. Low levels of radon are found in the outside air. Radon gas can move through the soil and enter buildings through small openings in the foundation or basement and become concentrated in the indoor air environment. When radon is inhaled, it can damage DNA in lung tissue and increase the risk of developing lung cancer. Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, according to EPA published estimates.

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